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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REPORTING IN REFTEL AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES FLURRY OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL COMMENT ON RELEASE OF DEPARTMENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA. PROBLEM HAS BEEN MORE WITH MANNER OF RELEASE THAN WITH SUBSTANCE. LACK OF ADVANCE WARNING OR AVAILABILITY TEXT HAS MEANT THAT CONCENTRATION HAS BEEN ON PRESS REPORTS WHICH HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT DEPARTMENT'S REPORT "CONFIRMS" VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. PUBLIC IMPRESSION IS THAT INDONESIA IS ON SOME FORM OF "BLACK LIST" AND THAT MUCH OF INFORMATION COMES FROM UNOFFICIAL SOURCES SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

2. HOPEFULLY WHEN WE CAN PRESENT ACTUAL TEXT TO OFFICIALS AND PRESS WE CAN MAKE BOTH AWARE OF ATTENTION GIVEN TO POSITIVE INDONESIAN ACTIONS. IN SUCH CASE CURRENT FLAP WILL PROBABLY NOT DISTURB RELATIONSHIPS WHICH HAVE ENABLED US TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE. PUBLICITY GIVEN REPORT HAS PROBABLY ALSO SERVED TO KEEP UP PRESSURE FOR ACTION; THIS IS OBVIOUSLY POSITIVE IF IT DOES NOT THREATEN OUR
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COMMUNICATIONS OR EMBARRAS THOSE OFFICIALS WHO ARE WORKING FOR MORE RAPID CHANGE.

3. WHILE APPRECIATING THAT DEPARTMENT CAN NOT FULLY CONTROL WHAT HAPPENS TO REPORTS SUCH AS THIS, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO URGE THAT IN FUTURE WE BE PERMITTED TO PASS TO INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS DESTINED FOR CONGRESS

AT SAME TIME SUCH REPORTS GIVEN TO HOUSE AND SENATE AND THAT
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WE ADVISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF LIKELIHOOD
OF PUBLIC RELEASE. I BELIEVE WE MUST ACT ON BASIS THAT ANY
REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THIS ISSUED LIKELY TO BE RELEASED AND
THAT IT IS TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO GIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY PREPARE REACTION.
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